Howland Wood - Curatorial

Merritt, Ferris Powell
[615 W 136th St.]

1919-1927

THE NEW WILLARD,

WASHINGTON,

WRITING ROOM

Sept. 16 1919

Dear Mr. Wood,

Colonel Wyllie very kindly gave me the inclosed card but did not have the actual ribbon. He referred me to a Major of Marines in charge of the matter who did not have an official sample but told me where I could buy ish (1331 F st. S.W. Meyo as it was being made up. Col. Wyllie tells me that since this card was prepared the size of the numeral has been reduced to 3/16 inch

Yours

D.P. Merritt

Photos wanted by Col. Wyelie

Checko- Slovakia Cross
Greek- Order Military Merit
French- Medal of Recognition

I have extra copy of the last named we can mail - if the others are in hand we can have it done next time I have something to photograph

J. P. M.

January 9, 1920

Ferris P. Merritt, Esq.
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Merritt:

Bailey, Banks & Biddle have written us for a photograph of the star of the Order of the Bath. If you have a print of this, and do not want it, can you let me have it, which will obviate the bother of my digging the negative out at the photographer's?

I am enclosing a letter from a man named Chamberlaine. I told him we could not supply the material desired, and that if he wrote to you, you might be able to fix up something for him. There may be a few cents in it for you.

(Enclosure)

Very truly,

Curator.

May 12th, 1920.

Mr. F. P. Merritt,
615 West 136th Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Merritt:-

As Mr. Wood has left for Europe, your letter came to me. We very much appreciate your kindness in securing the American Legion buttons for us, and I thank you for the gift. Also I wish to thank you for calling our attention to the exhibition of General Pershing's decorations in Philadelphia. We had already heard of this, and I have written to see if we can secure the material for exhibition here when Bailey, Banks & Biddle are through with it.

Since my return, and owing to Mr. Wood's proposed trip to Europe, I have taken over much of the detailed work in relation to our finances. I note that the medals delivered to you are still unpaid for. As we are now approaching the time for closing this medal account, we would appreciate it very much if you would find it convenient to let us have the amount involved.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.

August 6th, 1920

F. P. Merritt, Esq.
Apt. 19, 615 West 136th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Merritt:

I am sorry to have to bother you again in regard to the billsfor medals amounting to Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) which still remains unpaid.

I wonder if you understand that the staff have no actual authority to extend credit for these medals? Under the rules of our subscriptions for them, we are supposed to deliver no medals without having received payment, consequently, when we do extend the courtesy of credit, it places us in a very awkward position if the bills are not promptly met. We would, therefore, very much appreciate it if you would either pay the whole or a part, and give us a statement as to when we might expect to receive the entire amount in order that we can make our report to the Council.

Very truly yours,

w/E

Assistant to Curator

September 17th, 1920

Mr. F. P. Merritt
Apt.19 615 West 136
New York City

Dear Sir:

I feel that we have extended to you every possible courtesy in regard to the bill for medals which you owe us. Since you have not paid the bill, nor been willing to acknowledge in any way our request for payment, Mr. Noe, Mr. Wood and I have decided that we must ask you for a return of the medals in question. As I explained in my previous letter, we assumed a personal responsibility in extending credit to you for these.

If the medals are not returned within a reasonable time, we shall be forced to report the matter to our Council for such action as they may see fit.

Yours truly,

W/E

Assistant to Curator

January 5th, 1921

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Could I borrow the film of the Victory Medal which you showed up here at the Society? I would like to show it about the end of the month at a Sunday school meeting.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Jan.11, 1921

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
615 West 136th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I understand that Mrs. Wood will want the Victory Medal film to show on January 21st. Therefore, if you could have it up here a day or so before I would be much obliged. We need only the film as there will be both a machine and an operator to run it. I will probably be away at the time, but Mr. Wyman will know all about it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

November 12th, 1921

F. P. Merritt, Esq.
4 East 36th Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Merritt:

Can't you bring up or send up all of your General Orders relating to the Medal of Honour, D.S.C. and D.S.M.? You have threatened to bring these up for some time, and I am now anxious to look them over to see which we should have up here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

4 EAST THIRTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

1/7/21

Dear Mrs Wood

I am having complete Y.C. U.S.A. covering Osc & M.H. bound for 1918-19-20 and will send them up when delivered.

Rec'd today monograph #10 have #9 however had #9.

Yours
F. P. Merritt

December 20th, 1922.

Mr. Ferriss P. Merritt,
Hotel Cadillac,
Broadway & 43rd St.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Merritt:-

We were very glad to get your letter of the 16th because it is so long since we had heard from you we felt as if we had lost touch with you entirely.

Awhile ago we received Victory Medals of Roumania and Czecho-Slovakia. I thought possibly you might not have know about these countries issuing such medals.

I have credited the three accounts with the cheque you enclosed, and am returning herewith receipted bills.

Thank you for your good wishes for the holidays. As Mr. Noe is spending the winter in Greece, I shall tell him of your wishes when next I write him.

With the compliments of the season, and hoping we may see you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

October 5th, 1921

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
4 East 36th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I have forgotten whether I informed you of the fact that Rumania has issued a Victory medal. We have a miniature of this medal but we have not one of the regular size.

I have just received orders from the Philippines that Overseas-Service Bars for collection the part of Victory medal by officers and enlisted men of the organizations that were in the Philippine Department between April, 1917 and November, 1918. As you see the list of Victory medals is gradually growing.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
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25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

Nov. 14-1923

Dear Mr. Wood

Please mail enclosed — also I would like to have you inform me if you know — or ask Frutkoff where the plates are.

The society has a number and so have I and I would like to get a line on where they are located.

Yours sincerely

F. P. Merritt

November 15th, 1923

Mr. F. P. Merritt
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I have sent your Money Order to Frutkoff and have also asked him if he is holding any of the negatives. Those we have here are all packed away but can be gotten at easily.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

February 21st, 1924

F. P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

I am sorry, but I found that the two medals were not sent to you the other day; they are going forward today. As mentioned to you over the telephone, we are keeping one of the round ones, and for this I want to thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

Curator

September 23rd, 1924

Ferriss P. Merritt, Esq.
25 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Enclosed are some notes compiled from an article of mine with regard to the Maria Theresa thaler, which I hope will prove what you want.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

Nov. 8th 24

Dear Mr. Wood

I will phone you Monday and will ask you and Mr. Tony to lunch with me and we will go over the books on C. C.

Tell Mr. Noe I noticed at the meeting in treasurers report a deficit on library account of around $40 — herewith check to cover.

Yours

F. P. Merritt

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25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

November 24, 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I am sending herewith 10 kopek piece, presented to the American Numismatic Society by Mr. R. S. Smith.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Merritt

FPM:M
Enclosure

F. P. MERRITT & CO.
INCORPORATED
25 WEST 43RD STREET
NEW YORK

December 31, 1924.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending you a package under separate cover which is another contribution from our Mr. R. S. Smith, whose address is % The Bradford Corporation, Room 1018, 25 West 43d Street, New York City. His brother is cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Cincinnati, and the package as I send it to you is the same as it arrived at the bank, marked a gift package, and followed by a letter requesting $1.50 for the three medals therein.

The medals are another series, apparently on the order of the Lusitania Revenge Medals, as you will note by the inscriptions thereon.

Yours very truly,

F.P. Merritt

To -

Mr. Howland Wood,
% American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York City.

FPM:M

3 German medals

Dear Mr. Hood:

Your sympathy is very much appreciated and it is indeed good to know of your admiration for my dear husband.

He put up a good fight until he lost

consciousness a few moments before the end.

Having spent so much time at the museum, he was fully aware of the demands on your time, and appreciated more than I can say your letters to him

Thanking you for
your many kindnesses
to Ferris, believe me
Sincerely Yours,
Viola Dan Bennett

September 4, 1927.